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Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is requested. By this response to the Office Action dated December 04, 2006, claims 15 and 23 have been amended. Claims 1-14, 17-22, 25-26 and 28-33 have been canceled. Claims 15-16, 23-24 and 27 remain in the application.

Drawings

The formal drawings for FIGs. 1-3 are included with this response to replace the original hand drawn figures.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action stated that claims 8, 9, 19 and 26 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 19 and the intervening claims have been included in base claim 15, and therefore, base claim 15 and dependent claim 16 are believed allowable over the art of record.

Dependent claim 26 and the intervening dependent claims have been included in base claim 23, and therefore, base claim 23 and the remaining dependent claims 24 and 27 that depend from the base claim are believed allowable over the art of record.

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Conclusion

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2006, and reconsideration of the rejections is requested. It is submitted that claims 15-16, 23-24 and 27 are now in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is earnestly solicited.

Applicants herewith petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2006, for 1 month. Please charge Deposit Account #50-0221 in the amount of \$120.00 for the one month extension. Should it be determined that an additional fee is due under 37 CFR §1.16 or 1.17, or any excess fee has been received, please charge that fee or credit the amount of overcharge to deposit account #50-0221.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (480) 715-5388 is respectfully solicited.

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